

**Issue:** The Census Bureau includes military and civilian employees of the U.S. government who are stationed or deployed overseas on Census Day (April 1), as well as their dependents living with them, in the Decennial Census. While we only require a count by home state for those who are stationed overseas, additional information is needed for those deployed overseas to count them in the communities in which they live. We are dependent on administrative records received from the DMDC to accomplish this goal; however, we learned on January 9, 2019 that due to new security guidance, DMDC can no longer report currently deployed Service Members. The records are to be as of 'April 1, 2020,' and according to this guidance, the DMDC will only receive deployment data 30 days AFTER the individual completes their deployment. This new guidance places us in jeopardy of not having the information necessary to count those who are deployed overseas in the communities in which they live, placing the 2020 Census at risk.

**Update from January 14, 2019 conference call with Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC):**

1. Of entire overseas military – 15% are deployed personnel; remaining 85% are stationed overseas and there are no issues meeting our data requirements for stationed overseas
2. DMDC no longer able to move data from classified networks to unclassified network, therefore, DMDC is creating new data sets to meet other customer needs for health and educational benefits.
3. New security guidance provided by the Under Secretary of Defense Intelligence (USDI) via memorandum states **location** of deployed personnel is classified. Census does not require location of deployed personnel. Military branches are interpreting USDI guidance to mean they cannot share **status** of deployed personnel (start date and end date of deployment). **DMDC pursuing whether USDI can reissue the memorandum to state status and period of deployment of deployed personnel is NOT classified and therefore branches provide DMDC new files with current deployment information.**

NOTE: we require redelivery of DMDC military files by 2/28.

**Background dates:**

- MOA signed in May 2018 that includes deployed service member data as one part of the data delivery.
- Census Bureau received test files for data covered in the MOA in July, August, October and November of 2018.
- Census Bureau division chiefs Deb Stempowski and Karen Battle led two calls to discuss data quality with Defense Manpower executives (Breckenridge and Boehmer with select staff) on November 19 and December 10. Discussions did not focus on FACO data at that time, administrative records were still the solution for that portion of the 2020 Census.
- On January 9, 2019, Census Bureau staff learned from Andrew Ricci (Database project manager) that we could no longer receive data about currently deployed service members, we would only receive data 30 days after their deployment concludes.
- On January 12, 2019 this change was escalated to executives Breckenridge and Boehmer.
- **January 14, 2019 conference call with Breckenridge to discuss the new regulations as they pertain to deployed service members, as a focus.**

**Key staff and roles (senior folks we work in bold):**

1. **Mark S. Breckenridge, Deputy Director, Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC)**
2. Tim Powers, Branch Chief, Decision Support/Business Intelligence, Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC)
3. Andrew Ricci, Contingency Tracking System (CTS) Project Manager, IT Specialist (DATAMGT), Data Management Division, Technical Services Directorate
4. **Matt Boehmer, Office of People Analytics (OPA), Director, Defense Human Resources Activity (DHRA)**
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